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SUBJECT: SOVIET DEMARCHE ON CSCE STAGE III

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1. AT JUNE 24 POLADS MEETING, DANISH AND DUTCH REPS BRIEFLY REPORTED ON SOVIET DEMARCHES ON CSCE STAGE III.

2. DANISH REP (VILLADSEN) SAID THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR CALLED ON DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER IN COPENHAGEN ON JUNE 16. SOVIET AMBASSADOR SAID THAT CSCE HAD MADE MUCH PROGRESS RECENTLY THANKS TO CONCESSIONS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE GOOD WILL AND COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE OF THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES. HOWEVER, THE SOVIETS AND THEIR ALLIES HAD NOW REACHED THE LIMIT OF THE "UNILATERAL" CONCESSIONS THEY COULD MAKE. THEY HOPED THAT REMAINING DIFFERENCES COULD BE RESOLVED QUICKLY SO THAT ALL CSCE PARTICIPATING STATES COULD AGREE TO STARTING STAGE III ON JULY 22.

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3. ON JUNE 18, THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER REPLIED ORALLY TO THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR THAT HE, TOO, HOPED THAT SUFFICIENT PROGRESS COULD BE MADE TO ALLOW STAGE III TO BEGIN IN THE LATTER PART OF JULY. HE MENTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT FOUR

IMPORTANT ISSUES (CBMS; FOLLOW-UP; QRR; AND THE FORM AND STRUCTURE OF THE FINAL AGREEMENT) REQUIRED RESOLUTION FIRST. DANISH FONMIN EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE SOVIET POSITION ON THESE ISSUES WOULD NOT PRESENT AN OBSTACLE TO THEIR RAPID RESOLUTION.

4. THE DUTCH REP (HORAK) REPORTED THAT THE SOVIET CHARGE IN THE HAGUE INITIALLY REQUESTED A MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, BUT THAT THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT TURNED DOWN REQUEST AS INAPPROPRIATE FOR PROTOCOL REASONS. SOVIET CHARGE WAS RECEIVED ON JUNE 20 BY THE MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS. THE CHARGE'S AID-MEMOIRE MADE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME POINTS AS THE DEMARCHE TO THE DANES DESCRIBED ABOVE.

5. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL REPLIED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD STUDY THE POINTS MADE BY THE SOVIETS CAREFULLY AND NOTED THAT FOUR MAJOR ISSUES REMAINED TO BE SETTLED BEFORE THE NETHERLANDS COULD AGREE TO DATE FOR STAGE III.
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